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SUBJ: BIJEDIC VISIT

REF: A) STATE 040677 B) BELGRADE 0798 C) STATE 037336

1. INFORMATION IN PARA 1A THROUGH E AND, SPECIFICALLY, PARA 2 REFTEL (A), WAS CONVEYED TO FSFA NORTH AMERICA DIRECTOR STARCEVIC MORNING FEB 24. HE INDICATED NEED FOR SUGGESTION FROM US SIDE FOR SPECIFICS OF PROGRAM OUTSIDE WASHDC BUT WE AGREED TO AWAIT GRANFIL REPORT ON HIS FEB 21 CONVERSATION BEFORE FURTHER QUERYING DEPT.

2. STARCEVIC SAID IN VIEW OF INFO YUGOSLAV GOVT WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RETAIN SPECIAL JAT PLANE THROUGHOUT BIJEDIC VISIT TO US. IN ANSWER TO HIS QUESTION, WE INDICATED SUCH SPECIAL PLANE WOULD PROBABLY BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO YUGOSLAVS BUT DEPT WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE IN THIS REGARD. WE RECOGNIZE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AS WELL AS STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SUCH VISITS AS INDICATED REFTEL. SHOULD YUGOSLAVS DECIDE TO USE SPECIAL JAT PLANE, WE WONDER IF THERE WOULD BE ANY POSSIBILITY OF USG PAYING FOR FUEL AND/OR OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS OF PLANE DURING US PORTION OF VISIT. WE NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT BIJEDIC WILL BE GOING TO MOSCOW, PROBABLY IN APRIL, ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT AND ALSO TO PEKING ON ANOTHER OFFICIAL VISIT SOMETIME THIS SPRING. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR US VISIT TO SUFFER APPRECIABLY IN COM-
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PARISON.

3. STARCEVIC INDICATED TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT AS PROPOSED
REFTEL (C) IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOY SUBJECT ONLY TO INSERTION OF CORRECT
TERMINAL DATE. YUGOSLAVS PROPOSE TO RELEASE AT FSFA PRESS BRIEFING
1 PM LOCAL MAR 6, EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE AT 5 PM, SIMULTANEOUS
WITH NOON WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING.
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